

(a) whether the prolonged industrial dispute in the Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MUL) was finally settled in January this year; and

(b) if so, for how many days the dispute continued and what are the terms and conditions of the settlement arrived at paving the way for resumption of full operation of the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per MUL, the agitation continued from 11th September, 2000 to 8th January, 2001. The main terms and conditions of the settlement are as under:

- The workmen shall call-off their agitation and join their duty *w.e.f.* 9th January, 2001.
- The Union and workmen accept the Productivity, Performance and Profitability linked incentive scheme notified by company on 11th October, 2000.
- The Union on its behalf and on behalf of the workmen would give an undertaking that the workmen would adhere to the norms of discipline and the provisions of the Certified Standing Orders of the company.
- As a special case, the termination of 20 workmen belonging to essential service and 21 trainees would be revoked after these employees express regret for their conduct.
- In case of 5 workmen, the termination would be converted into suspension and action will be taken in accordance with the Certified Standing Orders of the company.
- In case of 10 other suspended employees, action will be taken in accordance with the Certified Standing Orders of the company.
- Regarding the case of 24 dismissed employees, the law will take its own course.

Re-constitution of Hindi Salahakar Samiti

397. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) when was Hindi Salahakar Samiti re-constituted recently in his Ministry;

(b) the number of sittings of the Samiti held during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the efforts made to conduct meetings regularly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The Hindi Salahakhar Samiti was re-constituted on 1.7.1999.

(b) and (c) Owing to the dissolution of the 12th Lok Sabha and undertaking the process again on the constitution of the 13th Lok Sabha, it took time to receive the nominations of the Members. Efforts shall be made to hold Hindi Salahakar Samiti meetings regularly.

Autonomy for BBUNL Subsidiaries

398. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item captioned "BBUNL Union seek autonomy for subsidiaries which appeared in the Times of India (Kolkata), dated 1st December, 2000;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto, specially the reason for keeping a top heavy holding company when most of its subsidiaries are either sick or being privatised; and

(c) the reason why some of these subsidiaries which are having full-fledged Boards of Directors cannot run on their own?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) BBUNL Union has not formally sought any such intervention from the Government of India so far. Presently, there is no proposal for winding up of BBUNL.

Steps to Save CCI Units

399. SHRIDRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken appropriate steps to save different units of Cement Corporation of India (CCI) from the position of being sick;

(b) whether steps have been taken to improve the functioning of Bokajan Unit of CCI;

(c) if so, what are those; and